



Board Highlights for February 15, 2023

Superintendent of Schools Report:

School/Student News

The Teacher Librarian at Little Prairie Elementary School has created a thriving learning hub and has been engaging students in Core Competencies with STEM activities! Students at Little Prairie also enjoyed a pancake breakfast and ham lunch hosted by the PAC group. The Grade 7 students hosted a carnival night as a fundraiser for their year end field trip. Over 200 people throughout the evening enjoyed the carnival and the group raised \$2000 through for their trip.



Tremblay Elementary students had a book tasting event. The students sampled delectable reads in the genres of adventure, graphic novels, mysteries, book series, and some tasty true stories. After sampling various books, the student then chose one to read.

This month at Tremblay students took part in a lego challenge in the library. Students were given a random card with a task to design and build specific objects individually or in pairs. Students had to collaborate to share lego pieces, design and construct their creations!



The Grade 3/4/5 class at Windrem Elementary School is learning valuable leadership skills by organizing and running gym stations for the k/1/2. The students are having a great time building their leadership skills and connections within the school community.

Dawson Creek Secondary School – Central Campus has been busy with the start of the new semester. The students have participated in bus evacuation drills, ski trips to Bear Mountain and staff from South Peace Campus will be coming over to assist grade 9's with course information and selection. The Basketball teams are in full swing and the teams are excited to travel throughout the region for games and tournaments.



Crescent Park has a new welcome bulletin board featuring welcome messages in Michif and Dane-zaa



Ms. Buck's class has moved into the portable. Her grade 2 students have been working on persuasive writing. The principal visited their classroom and students read their ideas to her trying to persuade her for a hot chocolate concession, a nap room, and a climbing wall.



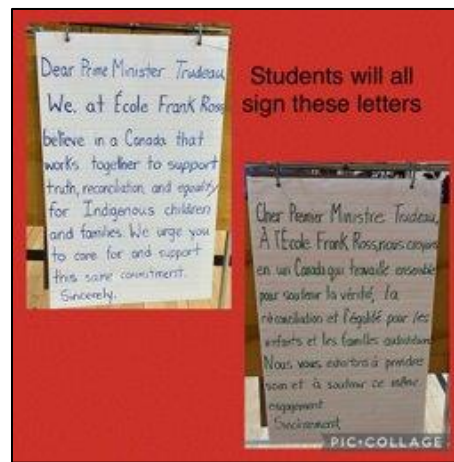
In Mrs. McInnis' grade 4/5 class, students had a Book Tasting with a terrific menu of books and tasty snacks.

In Ms. Fradette's grade 1 class, students have been making observations about snowmen and what causes them to melt.

The K/1 class at Parkland has been participating in a story workshop. They built a wall of prompts for stories. They started by focusing on visually and verbally creating stories and are now practicing writing their stories. The wall has inspired learning for others. Many of the intermediate students have referred to it creating their own stories.



Students at Ecole Frank Ross have been participating in many activities around the book Spirit Bear and Children make History by Cindy Blackstock, including reading and discussing the book, making Spirit Bears, creating Spirit Bear bulletin boards, writing letters to the Prime Minister and a whole school assembly to watch Murray Sinclair and the Spirit Bear video. In addition, Mme. Gowda's class has connected with the Nawican Friendship Centre and is taking snack food donations for Have a Heart Day. What started as a date written a year in advance on Mrs. Veach's whiteboard turned into a beautiful response from staff members and students.



Eleven students from Dawson Creek Secondary – South Peace Campus are enrolled in the Trades Sampler program at Northern Lights College this semester. The students will have the opportunity to receive hands on learning in various trades programs including carpentry, electrical and plumbing. This program helps students learn more about a trade they are interested in before taking the dual credit or post-secondary program.





Pouce Coupe Elementary has been sharing their learning from teachers to students. The teachers learned about coding using Ozobots in a professional development workshop and then taught their students coding. Students from Kindergarten to grade 7 benefited from this professional development training.

Mrs. Schlauwitz taught a learn-to-skate unit as part of her grade 2/3 PE class and the grade 6/7 students are learning valuable leaderships skills by clearing the ice for them and helping the younger students on the ice.



Miss Hommy's Grade 3/4 class created an "Array City" as a final project for their multiplication unit.

It was apparent that students like to go to school at Pouce Coupe Elementary with 80 students being recognized as having greater than 90% attendance in January. Students received certificates and brag tags.

Moberly Lake Elementary has been busy celebrating the Chinese New Year, learning Cree language through a bingo game, hosting a Bring A Valentine for Lunch event, and inviting Chetwynd Secondary School students out to go ice-fishing.



Field Trips

The board gave final approval for the CSS girls basketball team to travel to Costa Rica from March 17th to 26th, 2023. The activities of the trip include volunteer service, sightseeing, and participating in basketball games and practices with teams from Costa Rica.

The Assistant Superintendent has given approval in principle to DCSS-Central Campus for a French Immersion field trip to Quebec from May 25th to June 3, 2023. Further information on this trip will be brought to the board for final approval closer to the travel date.

K-12 Anti-racism Action Plan

The Ministry of Education and Child Care recognizes that it is important to recognize and address racism and discrimination both in communities and schools. Recently, changes were made to the K-12 provincial curriculum to support Indigenous languages, cultural learning opportunities, and increased courses in social justice. The K-12 Anti-racism Action Plan is a key initiative to address racism and discrimination by providing training and resources to help students and educators understand what it means to be anti-racist. Empowering students and educators with the knowledge and tools to respond to discrimination is a powerful resource to lead change and create communities where everyone is celebrated and respected.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/k-12-anti-racism-strategy.pdf>

Erase Student and Family Resources

erase (expect, respect, a safe education) is an online site through the Ministry of Education and Child Care that has resources geared towards building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents, educators and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>

2023-24 DRAFT School Calendar is out for public input

A reminder the proposed 2023-24 school calendar is being circulated to allow for public input. The consultation period allows for public feedback before the calendar is adopted by the board and submitted to the Ministry before March 31st. Feedback must be made in writing to Jan Proulx (japroulx@sd59.bc.ca) by March 3, 2023 to be considered. Information about the 2023-24 proposed school calendar is on the district website: <https://www.sd59.bc.ca/>.

Reports from the Secretary Treasurer:

Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented the monthly finance reports as of January 31, 2023.

2022-23 Amended Operating Budget & Bylaw

The 2022-23 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw was read and adopted.

2023-24 Enrollment Projections

The enrollment projections for 2023-24 were presented to the board. The District is estimating a slight decrease in enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. The preliminary budget is developed based on the projected enrollment FTE submitted to the Ministry.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Gulick reported on the latest BCSTA news and events. Trustees attended the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch meeting held in Prince George from January 20-21, 2023. Trustee Gulick was re-appointed as a member of the Professional Learning Committee. The BCSTA Provincial Council meeting will be held in Vancouver on February 24-26, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Policy out for circulation

A reminder that the following policies are currently being circulated for feedback:

Policy 4115 School Library Programs. The revision includes a change in the name to Function of School Libraries.

The committee is recommending to repeal Policy 3110 Responsibilities of School Personnel.

The policies are being circulated for feedback until March 6, 2023. The policies can be viewed on the district website (www.sd59.bc.ca). Feedback must be made in writing to Christy Fennell, cfennell@sd59.bc.ca.

Upcoming Dates:

Date:	Event:
February 20, 2023	Family Day Holiday – schools are closed
March 15, 2023	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek
March 20-31, 2023	Spring Break – schools are closed
April 7, 2023	Good Friday – schools are closed
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday – schools are closed
April 19, 2023	Regular Board Meeting – Dawson Creek

The Adventures at Moberly Lake Elementary School

